(d) what regulation, if any, is exercised by Government on these manufacturers to prevent exploitation of the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) M/s. Lohia Machines Ltd. and M/s. Andhra Pradesh Scooters Ltd. initially received about Rs. 115 crore and Rs. 26 crore respectively an initial deposit for booking of scooters. Out of this, Rs. 90.78 crore and Rs. 19.80 crore remains with Lohia Machines Ltd. and Andhra Pradesh Scooters Ltd. as on 31-12-85. The ex-factory prices of Vespa XE and Vespa PL-170 scooters were Rs. 9,600 and Rs. 7,400 respectively in 1984 and their current ex-factory prices are Rs. 10,911 and Rs. 8,200. The increase in price is mainly due to escalation in the cost of imported components on account of fluctuations in currency rates, increase in the prices of bought out components, steel etc.

(d) There is no statutory control on the prices of automobiles. Government have licensed sufficient capacity and built up in production capability of various makes of 2-wheelers generating a situation in the market where 2-wheelers are likely to be easily available of competitive prices.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Statement showing the Bills passed by the House of Parliament during the Hundred and thirty-seventh Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President..

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and thirty-seventh Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President. [Placed in Library. *See*. No LT-2314-A/86.]

Supreme Court Judges (Travelling Allowwance) Amendment Rules, 1986

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table under sub-section (3) of section 24 of the Supreme Court Judges (Conditions and Service) Act, 1958, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Justice) Notification G.S.R. No. 484(E), dated the 7th March, 1986, publishing the Supreme Court Judges (Travelling Allowance) Amendment Rules, 1986. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—2314-B/86.]

Notifications of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 84(E), dated the 1st February, 1986, publishing the Kerosene (Fixation of Ceiling Prices) (Second Amendment) Order, 1986.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 92(E), dated the 5th February, 1986, publishing the Kerosene (Fixation of Ceiling Prices) (Second Amendment) Order, 1986.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 495(E), dated the 14th March, 1986, publishing a Corrigendum to Kerosene (Fixation of Ceiling Prices) (Second Amendment) Order, 1986.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—2345/86 for (i) to (iii)].

Indian Telegraphs (Amendment) Rules, 1986

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (5) of section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Communications (Posts and Telegraphs Board), Noti-